

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 15, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: October 15, 2019
Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

David Meehan	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Absent
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Absent
Christie Truitt	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Present
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Absent
PUBLIC		
Jacquelyn Casazza	386 N. Main Street	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **October 15, 2019** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Meehan at **7:05 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Jacquelyn Casazza, Glen Ellyn resident, has received feedback from many residents and they would like more clarification on recycling. She has also received many comments and questions regarding sustainability with businesses. She asks if there is a way to recognize those businesses that practice

sustainability. Perhaps a sticker on a business's window or something that lets residents know that a business is green. Chairman Meehan likes the idea of a sticker or perhaps we can put the information on our website. Commissioner Truitt suggests working with the Downtown Alliance to see if there is interest in this and find out what obstacles we face. Commissioner Abeln adds that there was some discussion in the past about going door to door to businesses educating them on sustainability.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 9/24/2019

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Abeln

- IV. Announcements** – Chairman Meehan thanks Commissioner Gregory for all her work on Katy's windows. They look great and he has received positive feedback on these windows. He adds the Glen Ellyn Facebook page has received 75 likes and 5 shares regarding these windows.

V. NEW BUSINESS - None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. CBD Streetscape – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that this project will begin in 2021.
2. Development Project Environmental Checklist – Chairman Meehan reports that he is looking to complete this by the end of the year. Commissioner Abeln adds GRC can help us with this checklist.
3. The Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel Artwork Review– Chairman Meehan reports that we received a revised proposal from CPAG on the cost to do one side of the tunnel. The cost for that is \$30,000. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds that the village workshop is scheduled for October 21st. Chairman Meehan will check with Commissioner Gregory to see if she is available to attend. Chairman Meehan

asks Assistant Village Manager Holmer if the village has paid any invoices to CPAG. Assistant Village Manager Holmer will look into that.

4. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – No report

B. Education

1. Residents Seminars – Chairman Meehan would like the EC to continue to work on offering educational seminars. He asks the EC for volunteers to work on this. Commissioners Umlauf & Truitt and Chairman Meehan will work together on this project. Assistant Village Manager Holmer suggests starting with one hot topic and offer the seminar at the library. This will give you a flavor of how much interest there is in the seminars. Commissioner Truitt adds we could have the seminar on a Saturday morning. Commissioner Umlauf adds we can find experts in that field to give the presentation.
2. Sustainable Garden Tour– Commissioner Umlauf reports that we are looking to find a date and location for the Garden tour. We could either use the boathouse or start it at Mary Knoll. We will check with Renae Frigo to see if the boathouse is available. We are also looking to target those who ordered trees from the Native plant and tree sale to see if they would be interested in showcasing their yards/gardens. Trustee Pryde suggests also reaching out to the garden clubs in Glen Ellyn.
3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – Commissioner Truitt is looking to add information to the EC website regarding solar power. She has it broken down into 2 categories; Rooftop Solar and Community Solar. Trustee Pryde adds it would be great to add general specifics and guidelines from the Village to those categories. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds Community Development is the group you will want to work with to get that information. Commissioner Truitt asks if Glen Ellyn currently has any community solar. Trustee Pryde suggests checking with Public Works regarding community solar. Commissioner Truitt asks the EC to review the information prior to putting it on the website.

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – No report
2. Greenest Region Compact – No report
3. Glen Ellyn Fund Grant Application - Commissioner Malone reports that we will find out the status in Nov/Dec.

D. Outreach

1. Village Website Redesign and Marketing Strategy – Commissioner Truitt reports that she has divided the content into various categories – waste/recycling, energy & efficiency, land, water, climate, sustainable community, economic development, mobility, and municipal operations. She would like to structure the website with information that addresses the core initiatives of the EC. Trustee Pryde suggests choosing categories that are the EC's priority. Commissioner Truitt will put together a list of initiatives for the EC to review. Once the list is finalized she will then plug them into the appropriate category.
2. One Earth Film Fest – Chairman Meehan reports that COD has agreed to let us use their space again for this event.

VII. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Pryde reports that the Village is reviewing the budgets. There is no update on the Apex project. The Avere project just issued a foundation permit. They will break ground in a couple of weeks. The McChesney site is back on the market for redevelopment. We were awarded 14 million for the train station project. The Village board approved Phase II engineering. We will begin the CBD streetscape project in 2021 and then follow that project with the underpass and train station in 2023. We are purchasing a few new vehicles for the police department. We have also replaced a substantial amount of our lights and replaced them with LEDs.

VIII. Staff Liaison Report – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that we are still working through some easement issues with the Civic Center Parking Garage. Groot has said they have the stickers ready. We are trying to figure out how the stickers will be distributed and adhered to the recycling bins.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on November 19, 2019.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer